[Mr. K. A. Mathew]

and that there are no operators forthcoming from the State itself for operating the line in case more vehicles are necessary on the line ; and

(c) whether there was any special reason for permitting this outside agency to operate this line ?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR *(Inspector-General of Police)*:

(a) Yes.

(b) Kottayam to Kumili to connect their services to Cumbom and beyond.

Their application was duly published and no operators objected or applied.

(c) None.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from the member the method of the publication referred to in the answer to question (b) ?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: The Gazette, and on the notice board of the Controller's Office.

*MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether there was any publication in the Government Gazette to this effect?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR : Yes, it is obligatory.

Secretary to All Kerala Catholic Congress.

281. * MR. P. O. THOMAS : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) what made them to impose restrictions on the movements of Mr. Cyriac Kandathil, the Secretary of the All Kerala Catholic Congress ; and

(b) the particular activities of Mr. Cyriac which appeared to them objectionable ?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR : *(a)* His prejudicial activity.

(b) Stirring up class hatred and doing mischievous and malicious propaganda against Government.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : May I know the particular activities of Mr. Cyriac Kandathil which were responsible for his detention ?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR : I think I have mentioned them in answer (b).

MR. P. O. THOMAS : You have only stated : "Stirring up class hatred and doing mischievous and malicious propaganda against Government". May I know the particular speeches or actions that had been responsible for his detention ?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR : He asked all the Christians to band together and advocated definite activity based on such cleavage.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : May I take it that the detention was on account of a public speech and may I know whether the Inspector-General is aware of the particular date and the activity ?

MR S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR : Yes.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : Will he please state the date ?

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MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR : I cannot give off-hand. I will tell him later.

Fare in private buses.

282. *MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the fare for private buses has been fixed by Government ;

(b) if so, what they are in each route ; and

(c) whether the Government have gone into the question of disparity between the charges in Government and private transport systems, and if so, with what result ?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR : *(a)* Yes.

(b) One chuckram per mile on fairly level roads, one chuckram and four cash on ghat roads and proportional fares on routes which cover hills and plains have been fixed as the maximum fares to be levied from passengers.

(c) No.

MR. K K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Have the Government enquired into the disparity between the charge of private transport systems and the State Transport ?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR : No official enquiry has been made but I know the difference is there.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : May I know why this disparity is allowed to continue ?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR : The State Transport has a lot of advantages which the private services do not have.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : May I know from the honourable member whether he has received any complaint about the fares charged by the private bus owners on the Kottayam-Kumili road ?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR : Yes.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : May I know what action has been taken with regard to that matter ?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR : Enquiries have been made and a definite order has been issued to the Transport Company that no such differences should be made. These orders were based exactly on these petitions.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : May I know whether the directions were observed by the Proprietors ?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR : I shall see to it.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : May I know from the member whether different rates are charged for different seats in the same bus on one of the lines ?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR : In fact there was a complaint in regard to the Quilon-Alleppey line. We issued an order that there should not be such a difference. There have been further representations that there should be some charge for reservation for a particular seat in order to avoid overcrowding and other difficulties.

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